

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a current listing of claims and will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
converting a [[n]] non-streamable installation program executable to install a software application on a computer system ~~which is in a form not formatted for streaming~~ into a streamable installation program ~~which is in a form formatted for streaming, the installation program for installing a software application on a computer system;~~ and
streaming the converted streamable installation program to a target processing system over a network to cause the converted streamable installation program to configure the target processing system for execution of the software application.
2. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1, wherein said streaming ~~the streamable installation program to the target processing system comprises~~ includes using executing the converted streamable installation program in a streaming mode to create user-specific information on the target processing system, wherein the user-specific information ~~for~~ is subsequently used by the software application when the software application is executed on the target processing system in the streaming mode.
3. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1, wherein said streaming ~~the streamable installation program to a target processing system over a network to cause the installation program to configure the target processing system for execution of the software application comprises~~ includes causing the target system to be configured for streaming the software application.
4. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 3, further comprising streaming the software application from a host processing system to the target processing system over the network.
5. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1, ~~wherein said streaming the~~

~~streamable installation program~~ further comprising[[es]]:

identifying portions of the streamable installation program that need to be downloaded to the target processing system;

downloading the identified portions of the streamable installation program to the target processing system; and

executing the streamable installation program on the target processing system using ~~only~~ said portions that have been downloaded but not any portions that have not been downloaded.

6. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1, further comprising, prior to streaming the streamable installation program, packaging the installation program into a form ~~which~~ that facilitates streaming of the installation program.

7. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 1, wherein the streamable installation program ~~comprises~~ includes a dummy installation image, application information, and a database, wherein the database contains [[ing]] the software application and indicates [[ing]] a segmenting of the software application.

8. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

downloading, to a client over a network, ~~only~~ portions of an installation program that are collectively less than the entirety of the installation program, wherein the installation program is executable for use to install a software application on a computer system, wherein the software application resides on a server;

on the client, using ~~only~~ said downloaded portions of the installation program, but not any portions of the installation program that have not been downloaded, ~~on the client~~ to configure the client to execute the software application, including identifying portions of the software application that are to be download to the client, wherein the identified portions are collectively less than the entirety of the software application;

downloading ~~only~~ said identified portions of the software application from the server to the client, wherein the downloading does not include downloading portions of the software application that have not been identified; and

executing the software application on the client using ~~only~~ said portions of the software

application that have been downloaded to the client, without using any portions of the software application that have not been downloaded.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ method as recited in claim 8, wherein the installation program ~~comprises~~ includes a dummy installation image, application information, and a database, wherein the database contains~~[[ing]]~~ the software application and indicates ~~[[ing]]~~ a segmenting of the software application.

10. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

converting a~~[[n]]~~ non-streamable installation program that is compatible with ~~which is in~~ a standardized installation format ~~not formatted for streaming~~ into a streamable installation program that is compatible with the standardized installation format ~~form that enables streaming of the installation program to a target processing system, wherein~~ the installation program is executable to install a software application on a computer system ~~for use in installing a software application;~~ and

streaming the converted installation program to the target processing system to cause the target processing system to be configured for streaming execution of the software application.

11. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ method as recited in claim 10, wherein said streaming ~~the installation program to the target processing system comprises~~ includes executing using the installation program in a streaming mode to create user-specific information on the target processing system, wherein the user-specific information is ~~for~~ subsequently used by the software application when the software application is executed on the target processing system in the streaming mode.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ method as recited in claim 10, wherein the installation program ~~comprises~~ includes a dummy installation image, application information, and a database, wherein the database contains~~[[ing]]~~ the software application and indicates ~~[[ing]]~~ a segmenting of the software application.

14. (Currently Amended) A method ~~of creating a streaming installation package, the method comprising:~~

~~inputting an installation package for use in installing a software application on a target system, the installation package being in a form not formatted for streaming, the installation package including a plurality of files;~~

~~identifying all of the a plurality of files in the an installation package, wherein the installation package is a non-streamable installation package that is executable to install a software application on a target system;~~

~~classifying each of the plurality of files according to a file type;~~

~~creating a plurality of dummy files for one or more files of the plurality of files, which are wherein the one or more files classified to have a predetermined file type;~~

~~creating a dummy installation image that includes the plurality of dummy files; and~~

~~creating the a streaming installation package from the dummy installation image, wherein said streaming installation package being in a form that can be is executable ~~[[ed]]~~ on a target system in a streaming mode.~~

15. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ method as recited in claim 14, wherein the streaming installation package conforms to an installation standard.

16. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ method as recited in claim 14, wherein the streaming installation package further includes application information and a database, wherein the database contains the software application and indicates a segmenting of the application.

17. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ method as recited in claim 14, wherein the streaming installation package is configured to be streamed to the target system to configure the target system for execution of ~~[[a]]~~ the software application in a streaming mode.

18. (Previously Presented) A method of creating a streaming installation package, to be streamed to a target system to configure the target system for execution of a software application in a streaming mode, the method comprising:

inputting an installation package for use in installing the software application, the installation package being in a form not formatted for streaming, the installation package including a plurality of files, including a set of one or more archive files;

extracting the archive files from the installation package;

creating a list of all of the files in the installation package;

creating a list of streamlets for all of the files in the installation package;

classifying each of the files in the installation package as belonging to either a first type or a second type, the first type representing all of the files in the installation package which are normally installed on a system for purposes of installing the software application, the second type representing all of the files in the installation package which are not of the first type;

for each file of the first type which is not an archive file, creating a dummy file of the same size with a special header and nullifying all of the other files of the first type;

creating a dummy archive file for any files of the first type which are contained in an archive file;

creating a dummy installation image including each said dummy file, each said dummy archive file, and each said file of the second type; and

creating the streaming installation package to include the dummy installation image, application information and a database, wherein the database contains the software application and indicates a segmenting of the application into streamlets, and wherein the application information represents only the files of the second type in the dummy installation image.

19-21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for converting packaging a[[n]] non-streamable installation program that which is compatible with in a standardized installation format which is not formatted for streaming into a streamable installation program that is compatible with the standardized installation format form

~~that facilitates streaming of the installation program to a target processing system, wherein the non-streamable installation program for use in is executable to installing a software application on a target processing system; and~~

means for streaming the converted installation program to the target processing system to cause the target processing system to be configured to execute the software application.

23. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[An]]~~ apparatus as recited in claim 22, wherein said means for streaming ~~the installation program to the target processing system comprises~~ includes a means for ~~using~~ executing the installation program in a streaming mode to create user-specific information on the target processing system, wherein the user-specific information is ~~for~~ subsequently used by the software application when the software application is executed on the target processing system in the streaming mode.

24. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[An]]~~ apparatus as recited in claim 23, wherein the means for streaming ~~the installation program to the target processing system comprises means for~~ streaming ~~the installation program to the target processing system to causes~~ the target processing system to be configured to execute the software application in a streaming mode.

25. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ method as recited in claim 1, wherein the non-streamable installation program and the streamable installation program are compatible with the installation format ~~is~~ a standardized installation format.

26. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ method as recited in claim 25, wherein the standardized installation format is MSI format.

27. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ method as recited in claim 8, further comprising:
prior to ~~said~~ downloading ~~only the~~ portions of the installation program ~~to the client,~~
converting the installation program ~~from a standardized installation format which is not~~
~~formatted for streaming~~ into a streamable installation program that is compatible with a
standardized installation format ~~which is configured for software streaming.~~

28. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 27, wherein the standardized installation format is MSI format.

29. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 14, wherein the installation package is in a standardized format.

30. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 29, wherein the standardized format is MSI format.

31. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 18, wherein the installation package is in a standardized format.

32. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 31, wherein the standardized format is MSI format.

33. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method as recited in claim 22, wherein the standardized[[,]] installation format is MSI format.

34. (New) A method comprising:
creating a streamable installation program that is compatible with a standardized installation format that is not configured for application streaming, wherein the streamable installation program is executable to configure a computing device to execute a software application in a streaming mode.

35. (New) The method as recited in claim 34, wherein the standardized format is MSI format.